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CAPACITY UTILISATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production in the ordnance factories is not as per their installed capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the production capacity of these factories alongwith their actual production during the last three years;

(d) whether the ordnance factories are unable to produce State-of-the-art technologies to meet the requirements of Armed Forces;

(e) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken for modernisation/technological advancement of the ordnance factories?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): The capacity in Ordnance Factories is created based also on war time requirement projected by the Defence Forces. Actual production is based on Armed Forces annual requirements depending on stocks, training needs and threat perception. Therefore, capacity utilization in Ordnance Factories may not always be as per installed capacity.

(c) The value of total production in the Ordnance Factories during the last three years was Rs.8,331.75 crores, Rs.8811.59 crores and Rs.8280.72 crores respectively. A list of major items produced by Ordnance Factories and their production capacity are given in Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): Ordnance Factories manufacture products based on technology acquired from DRDO or Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) selected by Defence Forces and are capable of absorbing advanced technology.

(f) Modernization of infrastructure is a continuous process in ordnance factories. A capital investment of Rs.1062 crores and Rs.1446 crores has been made in 9th and 10th plan periods for modernization of plant and machinery.